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Native Presence Art Gallery opens in Wisconsin Dells



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On Saturday, June 11, 2016, the Little Eagle Arts Foundation (LEAF) opened its Native Presence Art Gallery in Wisconsin Dells. The gallery featured the art of Ho-Chunk tribal member, Chris Sweet.

LEAF founder and director, Melanie Sainz, started her non-profit foundation to preserve and promote American Indian art and artists in 2013.

LEAF's goals are to serve as an incubator for new and emerging native artists; maintain a gallery, gift shop, café, and public programs that promote native art excellence; to build a native art community through access to art; and develop a model for success to be shared with other native communities. The gallery opening hit on all four of their goals.

"As Director I am most proud of two things regarding the opening. First, I am so proud of Chris. His hard work and creativity just blew people away at the opening. LEAF is so thrilled to have Chris as a part of our LEAF roster of new and emerging artists and we're excited to help

support him in his art and business career," Sainz said.

"Secondly, I am so proud to be a part of a creative community that supports authentic American Indian and First Nations arts and crafts. The arts are a major part of the revitalization efforts of the downtown Wisconsin Dells area and LEAF is here to model to our local community members and our visitors alike that quality and locally made products are important to us and contributes to the overall economic stability of all of our communities."

According to Sainz, Sweet had 15 original pieces and 24 limited edition prints on exhibit and for sale at the gallery. The exhibition was titled, Earth Sky Journey, and is on display through July 3. Sainz said Chris sold 3 original art pieces and 9 limited edition prints at the opening.

"George 'Hushi' Greendeer bought the "Native Reflections" piece. It being my first gallery show, I thought for sure I would be really nervous, but it turns out that this gallery scene is right up my alley," Sweet said.

"It was a stroke of luck that this show came about actually. I didn't even realize that LEAF Director, Melanie Tallmadge Sainz was opening a native art gallery until I got a call out of the blue

one day. Actually, now that I think about it, my mom, Lenore Sweet, got ahold of me and mentioned that Melanie was looking for an artist to do an opening show."

"Melanie would not have known about my artwork if my painting wasn't spotted in shipping & receiving at the casino collecting dust. My fiancé, Chrissy Shegonee, and I attended an art business workshop at the casino where we met with Melanie and discussed the show. The workshop was April 16 and 17, and I started painting the following Monday and didn't stop until the night before the gallery show on June 11," said Sweet.

"The inspiration came pretty easily. I combined my love for abstract painting and native pride and it all just came together like a perfect Indian taco; many beautiful layers. Aye! But seriously, Melanie really did an amazing job putting that gallery together."

Sainz believed the gallery opening was a great community building event. She estimated between 200 and 300 people visited the event.

"We had a wonderful blend of support from our Ho-Chunk people, non-Indian friends and neighbors, and dedicated art supporters. Many were locals and some attendees came as far away



Chris Sweet (Ho-Chunk/White Earth Ojibwe/LEAF roster artist), Karen Ann Hoffman (Oneida/member of the Wis. Arts Board), Mike Hoffman (Menominee/member of the Menominee Clans Committee), & Melanie Tallmadge Sainz (Ho-Chunk/ LEAF director).

as Madison, Milwaukee, Tomah, Stevens Point, and Winona, Minnesota," said Sainz.

"We expected between 100 and 200 people. Our volunteer with the clicker lost track of the number when we hit 205."

The Native Presence Gallery is the only gallery in area that features American Indian art. There are only a couple spots in the Wisconsin Dells that exhibits art.

"The second story of the H.H. Bennett Studio on Broadway has a gallery space that exhibits photography and Be Kind Studio on Oak Street provides space to local artists to exhibit their art work," Sainz said.

"A donor that has been supportive of LEAF's efforts since we launched offered the space to the organization at a very reasonable lease amount. The Board's decision to accept this offer took place this past spring."

LEAF has plans to relocate to their future headquarters at the former home of the Winnebago Indian Museum on River Road in Adams County, just outside of Wisconsin Dells.

"I didn't get a chance at the gallery show but I wanted to dedicate my show

to my daughters, Jaimee and Alex who have walked on. And to my sons Jase and Jonathan; to all the children who are beginning they're journey in life."

"I really had fun meeting other artists and art enthusiasts. It's awesome to see some native culture coming back to the Wisconsin Dells neighborhood. I'm pretty sure that there is enough t-shirt shops."

The Native Presence Gallery is located at 412 ½ Broadway in Wisconsin Dells.

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The Hocak Worak staff is excited for the fiscal year as there's a couple changes coming to our paper. Most exciting is that we will be mailing out the paper via First Class postage. The other great addition is we will be adding the cartoon, Without Reservations, by Ricardo Cate (pronounced cot-tay).



The paper was being sent out using Bulk rate shipping, which saved money in postage costs, but took a long time to be delivered. For example, tribal member who lived on the west coast would get their papers almost one month later.

We all know the US Postal Service closed many of its

hubs or locations in the past few years. That slowed down the service of the mail. And with bulk mail, post offices had up to 5 days to move the mail on to the next shipping location. Sometimes, even in state mail would take up to a week to be delivered.

The price pretty much doubles going from Bulk to First Class. But often times, there are events, meetings, and news that is time sensitive. We were making people aware of the delay when submitting items to the paper. Getting the information out in a timely manner is our main goal with the change.

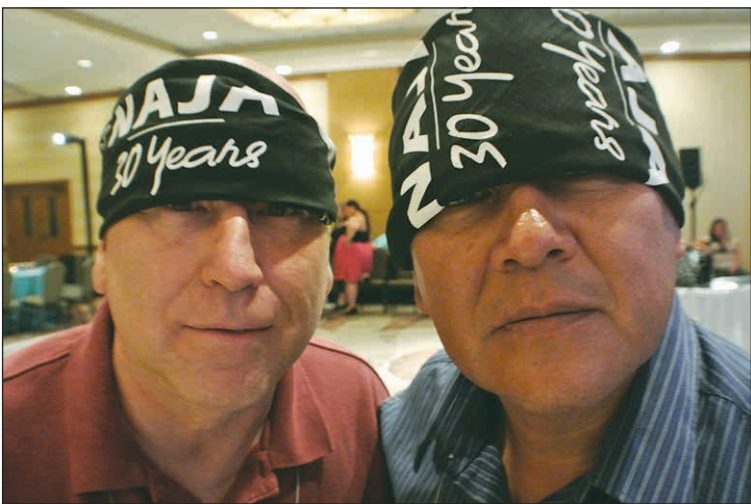
The Hocak Worak does have an online and social media presence to speed up the delivery while US mail took its time. Our website, www.hocakworak.com, contains archive copies back to 2012. We share digital copies of the paper on Facebook. There is also a "Read Hocak Worak" links on the Ho-Chunk Nation website located on the side links and in the footer section of the homepage.

Our July 15 paper should

reach your home faster than it has in the past.

The Hocak Worak will also be adding a cartoon to its pages. Without Reservations is a native cartoon from Ricardo Cate, who is Santo Domingo Pueblo tribal member. Without Reservations has appeared in the Santa Fe New Mexican since 2006. Here's his bio:

"Cartoonist Ricardo Cate describes Indian humor as the result of "us living in dominant culture, and the funny part is that we so often fall short of fitting in." His cartoon column, Without Reservations, is a popular daily dose in the Santa Fe New Mexican. Ricardo is a member of Kewa (Santo Domingo Pueblo). He is a father of three, a teacher, a veteran, a film maker. Ricardo's cartoon, "Without Reservations," appears both as a daily in the Santa Fe New Mexican and as a monthly cartoon in the Osage News. Ricardo captures the humor of everyday Native life, as well as the ironies existing between the Natives and the non-natives. For years the public has enjoyed



Ken and Ricardo

his views on public radio in Santa Fe and in his stand-up comedy routines."

The Hocak Worak staff met Ricardo at the 2013 Native American Journalist Association Conference held in Phoenix, Arizona.

Mr. Cate also appeared in the Adam Sandler's "The Ridiculous Six" Netflix movie, where many natives who were cast and crew walked off the set due to racial jokes about natives and women. Ricardo is seen wearing a blue head band.

Cate's book, also titled "Without Reservations," is for sale at online bookstores, like Amazon and Barnes and Noble, if you interested in his cartoon collection.

We hope you enjoy the "Without Reservations" as we run it in the Hocak Worak.

Door-to-door visits begin for Ho-Chunk Nation 2015 Census

Census Takers to Follow Up with Households within the State of Wisconsin

About 10 Census takers across the 14 county area, in the State of Wisconsin, will begin going door to door in July to follow up with households that didn't complete their census. An estimated 2,000 addresses in the State of Wisconsin have yet to complete their 2015 Census and Census takers will be visiting through August in various parts in the State.

Currently, 48 percent of the Nation's households have completed their census. But

achieving a complete and accurate census requires the Planning and Development Division, along with the assistance of their consultant, Big Waters, to now go door-to-door to count all the remaining households we've not heard from.

If a 2015 Census worker knocks on your door, here are some ways to verify that person is a legitimate census taker:

- The census taker will be wearing a vest with the Ho-Chunk Nation Census Logo and or ID Badge
- The census taker will

provide you with supervisor contact information and/or the Planning and Development office phone number for verification, if asked.

- The census taker will only ask you the questions that appear on the 2015 Ho-Chunk Census form.

In most cases, census workers will make up to two attempts at each housing unit address to count possible residents. This includes leaving notifications of the first attempted visit at the house or apartment door, in addition for the resident to call our office or census worker to arrange a follow up.

If a census taker knocks on your door, please help by providing the information required for the census. Your answers are strictly confidential. It should only take about 20 minutes to complete. The Ho-Chunk Nation Census is urging cooperation and patience with the census takers, as this is the best way to ensure that everyone is counted properly.

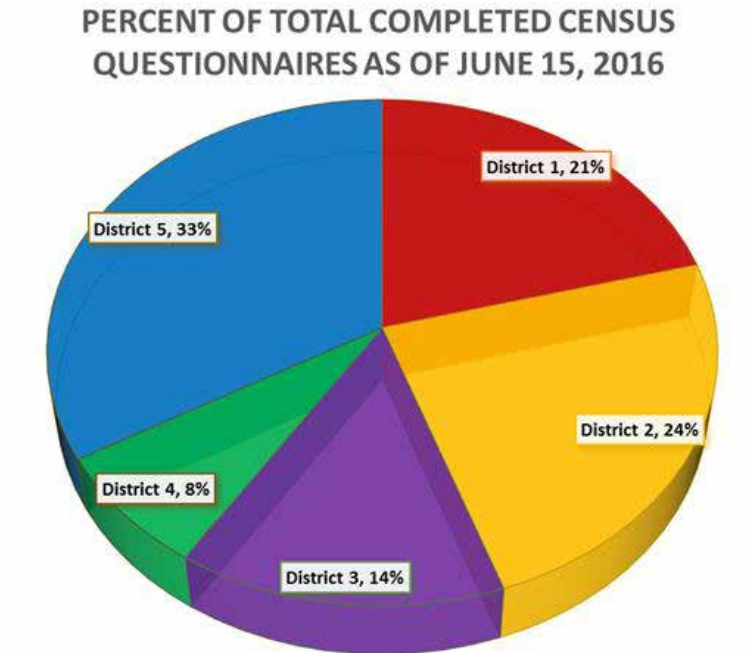
The part-time, temporary census workers are hired from the communities in the 14 county areas to obtain the remaining census responses. Census workers are your community tribal members; they are familiar with the communities and are working to ensure that it is accurately and

completely represented.

ABOUT THE 2015 CENSUS

The 2015 Ho-Chunk Nation Census is a count of members who were 18 & older as of August 1st, 2015. It is mandated by the Constitution in Article V-Legislature, Section

4 Redistricting or Reapportionment, that the Legislature shall maintain an accurate census. Census data is used to apportion Legislative seats, to distribute funds to tribal programs, and to make decisions about what community services to provide.



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Upcoming changes for Ho-Chunk Scholarship Program

Submitted by the Higher Education Division

The Ho-Chunk Scholarship Program will undergo a variety of modifications for the 2016-17 Academic Year and beyond. The modifications are intended to meet the needs of our students and to maintain the best fiduciary responsibility of the funds allocated by the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature. A brief summary of the forthcoming changes is the basis for this article.

Perhaps the largest change to the scholarship is in the increase in the Grade Point Average (GPA) requirements. Beginning July 1, 2016, undergraduate students will be required to maintain a 2.5 GPA to be in good standing (raised from 2.0). In addition, undergraduate students who earn GPAs ranging from 2.0 to 2.4999 will be placed on probation (raised from 1.0) and are still eligible to receive a scholarship. Undergraduate students who earn GPAs below 2.0 will be suspended from the scholarship program until the student earns enough credits to return to good standing. There is no change for graduate student GPA requirements.

The reason we have increased our GPA requirements is to promote higher academic standards amongst our student population and these new standards are consistent with the overall trends in mainstream higher education. Many academic institutions require a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA in order to graduate and most graduate schools require successful applicants to have GPAs well-above 3.0 in order to meet entrance criteria.

In recent years, we have seen many occasions of our students who finish their degrees and want continue their schooling. However, students who have lower cumulative GPAs may experience difficulty matriculating to the next level. This trend is something we have noticed in graduate studies, in particular.

For example, a student earned a business degree from a four-year college a few years ago with a 2.3 GPA and wants to move on to a Master of Business Administration (MBA) program. Today, most MBA programs require a 3.0 cumulative GPA and higher to gain admission, though there are others who may consider

students with a 2.75 cumulative GPA. As a result, the aforementioned student is unlikely to be accepted into their desired program and may need to remediate coursework or demonstrate significant work experience in the business field for the institution to consider the student as a viable graduate student. This situation is remarkably common for us, and it is our hope that the raised academic standards will promote student success for both their short-term and long-term ambitions.

Another important trend in Ho-Chunk Higher Education is the fact that more students matriculate from two-year schools (e.g. Western Technical College) to four-year schools (e.g. UW-La Crosse) than we have seen in the past. Also, the number of Ho-Chunk students pursuing graduate work (master's and higher) has increased substantially, as well. We understand that the increased academic requirements may place additional stresses upon our students, but this change will ultimately benefit the students in the long-term.

A few years ago, the Higher Education Division began using an Absolute Deadline for the submission of the Ho-Chunk Scholarship Application (HSA). The deadline required that the HSA be submitted within two weeks of the beginning of the institution's academic term. However, beginning fall 2016, the HSA must be submitted by the first day of instruction at the student's academic institution. In other words, if a student begins at Madison Area Technical College on August 21, the student must have his or her application in by August 21 in order to be eligible for scholarship assistance for the fall term.

The reasons for this change are numerous, but the most important reason is to increase the likelihood of student success. Students who make the decision to go back to school close to the date that classes begin have, historically, struggled compared to students who have decided to pursue classes sooner. As a result, students may not have made arrangements that promote success (e.g. time off of work, childcare, etc.) or acquired the books by the start of classes. The change to the Absolute Deadline is intended to en-

courage students to make the decision to return to school earlier, so that our team can begin working with them to make the transition process as smooth as we can.

Another change coming for Academic Year 2016-17 is that for-profit institutions will no longer be eligible for assistance from the Ho-Chunk Scholarship Program. Students who were enrolled in a for-profit academic institution prior to June 30, 2016, and have since continuously attended classes at the aforementioned for-profit institution, are eligible to receive a scholarship in order to complete their degree. Students must be continuously enrolled in the for-profit institution and demonstrate Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) in order to qualify under this "grandfather clause".

For-profit funding was reintroduced via General Council resolution in 2012. The intention seemed to be focused on expanding the educational opportunities for Ho-Chunk members so that they could attend institutions like the University of Phoenix, Rasmussen College, etc. However, the reality was that a majority of Ho-Chunk Scholarship recipients did not attend those institutions. Most scholarship recipients attended for-profit cosmetology schools and, regrettably,

a majority did not complete their programs. Students who wish to pursue cosmetology/barbering will be able to do so with Ho-Chunk Scholarship support at non-profit institutions.

Previously, the Ho-Chunk Scholarship Program provided summer tuition assistance for no more than six terms during a student's entire academic career (Associate's through doctorate). However, in recent years, we have seen an increase in summer tuition applications because many academic institutions now require summer classes in order to complete the degree program. Therefore, the Ho-Chunk Scholarship Program will increase the number of allowable summer terms of funding by degree level on a cumulative basis.

The Higher Education Division will now also offer a forgiveness program for students who have been suspended (e.g. transcript suspension, academic suspension, etc.) for ten (10) or more years. Students who fit the criteria may reapply to the scholarship program and will be considered for reentry on a probationary status. We have also added "educational equipment" to our Post-Secondary Student Loan (PSSL), which now includes program-required uniforms, tools, or equipment (e.g. knives for a culinary

program). The PSSL is an interest-free loan available to enrolled members to assist with postsecondary education-related expenses.

Another positive change for the Ho-Chunk Scholarship Program is our increase in financial assistance for professional development and study abroad. Many of our students have availed themselves of the opportunity to study overseas in recent years and, in order to help with rising costs, we now offer additional funds to support those experiences. Further, the previously titled "conferences and workshop" program has been renamed "professional development" because we now support a variety of opportunities beyond a conference, such as membership in a pre-professional organization.

In conclusion, the Ho-Chunk Scholarship Program is in the midst of some important changes that will positively impact our postsecondary students. The aforementioned changes will go into effect July 1, 2016. If there are any questions, please contact the Higher Education Division at (800) 362-4476. To review the entire list of changes to the Ho-Chunk Scholarship Program, visit the Higher Education Division's website at: <http://ho-chunknation.com/highered.aspx>

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New Jiu Jitsu gym positioned to offer martial arts training in Tomah

Submitted by Heidi Bird

A ribbon-cutting ceremony held on Thursday, June 16, symbolized the opening of a new gym dedicated to the martial art of Brazilian Jiu Jitsu.

Robert “Bobby” Bird, owner, instructor and operator of the new business, ceremoniously unveiled “Choka U,” which actually opened in April, but now that the gym is fully operational, he wanted to make an official opening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Choka U Cross-Training Gym is located just outside Tomah on Hwy 21, near White Tail Crossing C- Store and down the road from the Blue Wing Community. It is in the former Ho-Chunk Distribution building.

The gym and training center is open to the public from 5:30 to 8:15 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

“‘Choka U’ stands for a few different meanings com-

“Along with the universal combination training, a feature of Choka U, is the instruction of Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, which relies on strategy, tactics and technique - all taught in a safe and monitored setting,” Bird said.

“Jiu Jitsu is like a human game of chess. There are setups, sequences, attacks, counterattacks and forced transitions,” Bird said. “The cross training component is conditioning for anyone who would like to increase and better their overall health and physique. The added benefit of this training is a versatility that gives the students a significant edge in competition and the added self-confidence for everyday life.”

One of the primary goals is to provide the youth an opportunity to learn something that is unique, Bird said, noting that this particular lifestyle and martial art is typically offered in the larger metropolitan areas.

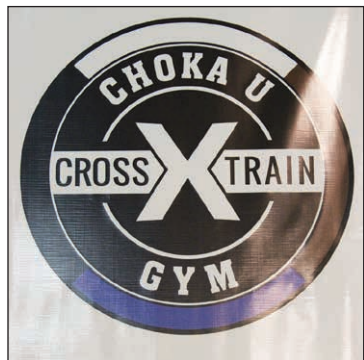
“The idea that the gentle art of Jiu Jitsu could flourish in our modest country life style is both exhilarating to share and see,” he said.

In 1998, while attending college and living in Chicago, Bird had the opportunity to witness and experience Brazilian Jiu Jitsu for the first time. After his first class, he was addicted to it. He studied under the legendary Carlson Gracie Sr., whom he received his first (blue) belt in Jiu Jitsu.

“He (Gracie) was a remarkable man, his mannerism reminded me of our some of our elders who were still here at home during that era,” Bird said.

Gracie had a dream as well, he said.

“He wished that his Jiu Jitsu would make it to Ho-Chunk country someday,” Bird said. “And now it has. We at Choka U, are proud to come under the flag of the great Carlson Gracie Jiu Jitsu Team in Tomah Wisconsin. We have an exceptional relationship with his son Carlson Gracie Junior and their 80-plus schools in the U.S. alone, not to mention the recognition our team receives as part of their global team, as well.”



Choka U Gym is named in reference to both the Ho-Chunk culture and a particular hold in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu.

bined,” Bird said. “The first meaning comes from our culture. By being a Choka, we are expected to be guardians, leaders, compassionate, thoughtful and always wanting better for our family members in all aspects of life. The second meaning refers to one of our moves in the Brazilian Jiu Jitsu - the choke hold.”

Cross training, as the name implies, is a hybrid of many different forms of activity, Bird said. The gym offers boxing, kick-boxing, Judo, and cardio-based workouts, however the primary focus is on Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu.



Jiu Jitsui moves can be complicated to the untrained eye, but have definite advantages in strategy to the opponent, as Jack Thompson (left) and Blaine Waltemath demonstrate.



Robert “Bobby” Bird (right, with scissors) is prepared to cut the ribbon on the new Choka U Gym, a place to get instruction on the martial arts, as well in teachings in life lessons. Other people present are Tomah Chamber of Commerce members, gym members and family and friends.

Bird would like to see Choka U rise to become a premier Jiu Jitsu and Cross Training gym in the immediate area, then possibly set an example for other native nations to follow. People will see how the community, youth, family lifestyles, self-confidence, and athleticism has increased for the better.

“This vision is bold, fitting, and well within the grasp of our team’s caliber. We will offer the best, most versatile, and highest quality training in a safe environment for our immediate area,” he said.

“This training will be for athletes and families alike, as our facility is family-oriented. Our training center will host guest trainers from across the state and the nationwide.”

Through Jiu Jitsu, they will be able to share with the community and children such benefits as being able to build new friendships, learn and practice conflict resolution skills, provide a healthy way to release stress and energy, instill self-confidence, build self-esteem; which all equals a healthier lifestyle, he said.

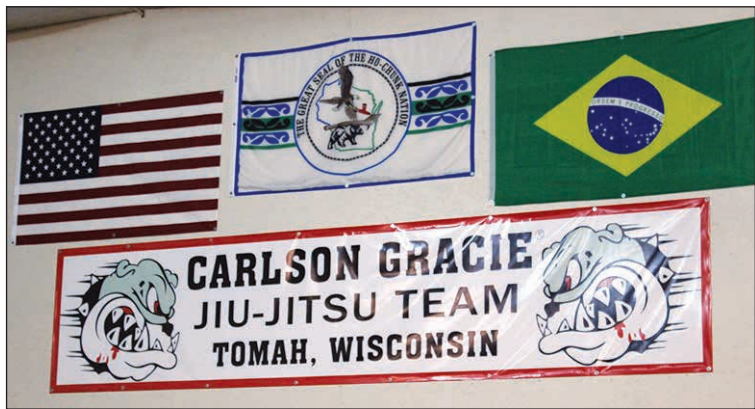
“Our classes will help children to respect authoritarian figures and increase communication skills. If there is one teaching figure who will teach respect to children, it’s a martial arts instructor,” Bird said. “They, themselves, were taught to respect their own professors while in training and will happily instill that same sense of respect on your children. All of our students are taught to respect their opponents, as well as their instructors and team members.”

Every member of the team is expected to be friendly to their fellow students at all times. They strive to encourage and push the students to achieve their potential. They seek to consistently provide the best family-oriented and team based experience possible, Bird said.

The quest for the “perfect” gym and floor at Choka U gym was born from the countless hours spent on other gym floors and mats. The floor design is in only a few of the



Noah Blaschke (standing) and “Moose” Eades, some of the younger members put on a demonstration at the ribbon-cutting ceremony.



The Choka U Gym is part of the Carlson Gracie national team of training centers.

gyms in Wisconsin, he said.

“When we started to build our gym floor, I had the ‘let’s do it right the first time’ attitude. A mat or surface system will only compress a certain percentage of the material, depending on its density, if laid on a hard rigid surface such as a concrete floor. This could lead to injuries as the mat themselves cannot absorb and dissipate the energy from a fall adequately,” he said.

“Therefore, I thought a ‘sprung’ floor would be necessary, so that the mats are not taking 100 percent of the impact and a fast, firm surface is still retained,” Bird said. “This will mean longer careers in both our competition and recreational workout lives.”

Bird recognizes that his new business has been accomplished only through the efforts of a lot of supportive

people.

“I would like to thank a great many people that helped make this dream a reality: my immediate and extended family, our Area 2 community members, our Legislators, administration, maintenance, and the Office of the President for believing in our business plan,” he said.

“Also, I would like to thank the students and their parents and a special thanks to the staff at the House of Wellness: Roberta Funmaker, Scott Gilbeck, Lance Tallmadge, Paul Cloud and team. The House of Wellness team believed in our dream as well and offered us a couple of spin bikes and weights,” he said.

“You all have been instrumental in making this dream amazingly real. Thank you.”

The Choka U gym has a website at www.carlsongracie-tomahwi.com.

Recapturing our roots

Gabriel Lagarde
Staff Writer

Kids surrendered their cell-phones and spent a week immersed in nature, Ho-Chunk culture and each other's company during the Recapture Our Roots Youth Camp 2016, June 13 to 17 at North Wood County Park, near Arpin.

Roughly 64 Ho-Chunk students, ranging from sixth graders to high school seniors, participated in a number of activities that emphasized traditional practices, which included everything from lessons in the Ho-Chunk language to the game of lacrosse to dress making, among other events.

There was a concerted effort by the organizers to incorporate these lessons into every aspect of the camp, Nekoosa Youth and Learning director and 2016 camp director Angeline Decorah said. She said the camp brings together resources from across the state that are not available to all Ho-Chunk students.

"We have centers in Milwaukee, we have centers in Madison. Their students might not have the same opportunities for cultural resources, they might not have the same access to elders or fluent Ho-Chunk speakers," Decorah said. "This gives them that opportunity."



The girls gathered for a crash course in practical skills taught by Rosalie Brown Thunder at the youth camp. Lori Pettibone supervises as the kids try their hand at sewing dresses.



Things got competitive when the kids brought out their sticks. Doubleball, a gentler variant of lacrosse, involves hooking a tied sock filled with two balls, taking a shot against the defense and hitting the opponent's tree.



One component of the camp was passing on traditional Ho-Chunk values. Here, Chuck Davis leads the boys in proper drum practices.

Camp organizers also held campfire discussions in which older members of the nation were able to impart tenets and knowledge of Ho-Chunk culture to the younger generation.

Many students expressed a positive reaction to the absence of technology and the isolated atmosphere of the camp.

"This year they're definitely making it intimate (with nature)," said Olivia Prescott, a seventh-grade student at Walden III Middle High School in Racine. "They're having us sleep in tents, they're not allowing us to use our phones."

Maren Smith, a senior at Black River Falls High School, said she was fascinated by the cultural and spiritual connections within traditional Ho-Chunk sports and the strong sense of community the youth camp inspired.

"Playing lacrosse and doubleball, they call it the creator's game, the healing game," she said. "(The camp) is just about working together, helping one another."

Victor Heintz, a seventh-grade student at Logan Middle School in Lacrosse, said



The organizers set aside time for the kids to practice their archery under adult supervision.

he appreciated the Ho-Chunk language lessons, which were unavailable at his local Youth and Learning Center.

La Crosse Youth and Learning Center director Henry Greengrass said language is a prime example of Ho-Chunk culture, which includes a rich oral history stretching back three ice ages, in terms of its intrinsic value to the modern Ho-Chunk people and their sense of identity.

"Once our language is lost we are no longer Ho-Chunk, we are no longer our own

people," he said.

Greengrass said the survival of the Ho-Chunk language is more important than ever in the face of generational trauma and modern cultural homogenization.

This marks the fifth year and the fourth week-long youth camp for Ho-Chunk students put on by Ho-Chunk Nation Youth Services. Last year, the format was limited to a day camp before the return to the week-long schedule for the 2016 edition.

NASAI NCORE - Road trip: paving the way for the next generation

Gabriel Lagarde
Staff Writer

Adrienne Thunder has been hitting the road lately, racking up miles to attend conferences pertaining to the interests of Native American students and other minorities all over the country.

Thunder, a member of the Native American delegation, traveled to the 29th annual National Conference on Race and Ethnicity from May 31 to June 4 in San Francisco. She joined over 3,500 people to discuss issues relevant to Native American, students of color and varied sexual orientation during the conference.

While the talks revolved around issues minorities face on campus, student conduct

and effective means to promote diversity in secondary education, Thunder said the topic of identity has come to the forefront in recent years with increased ethnic intermixing and the advent of federal and state funding for students of Native American descent.

"You can't go by people's appearance anymore," she said. "I know quite a lot of Ho-Chunk with blonde hair. Still, they're participating in ceremony, in our culture. People come at (the issue of native identity) from a lot of perspectives."

With numerous cases of tribal disenrollment among native groups, representatives at the conference took a long

look at how being Native American is conceptualized and addressed, both in the community and on college campuses.

"It's important for college campuses to look at their enrollment processes," Thunder said, referencing a notable suggestion the delegation considered. "Maybe, instead of just a 'Native American' box, have them specify what tribe they're from."

NCORE has become more sophisticated over the years, Thunder said, and it has been through the efforts of representatives that the unique situation of Native American students has gained national awareness.

She said it primarily comes

down to the distinction of sovereignty, not just a matter of skin tone or culture.

"People tend to look at diversity as black or white. We kinda get run over," Thunder said. "Our identity is based on our political identity. We existed before the United States and we never gave that up."

Thunder also attended a meeting of the Native American Student Advocacy Institute, or NASAI, during June 6 to 7 at Arizona State University. NASAI is one of multiple institutes sponsored by the College Board to aid minorities and works to develop tools for Native American students, from kindergarten to high school seniors, in order for them to pursue secondary

education.

The event marked the end of Thunder's 2-year term as a member of the advocacy board.

These conferences serve as ways to promote Native American content in public school curriculums, sources of information that address both the rich history of native peoples and their powerful modern impact on local communities and economies, Thunder said.

"It is important to support efforts to teach and learn," she said, "whether they be local or state or national opportunities. People have tried things to address issues that everybody has, why don't we use those things?"

It can be stressful when botches on the job are, literally, set in stone

Gabriel Lagarde
Staff Writer

“We only get one shot at it, we have to get it right,” said Jasmine Funmaker, a pre-apprentice cement mason and a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation. “Other people can fix (their mistakes). We have to get it right the first time.”

That’s a fact of life for Funmaker, currently enrolled in a 12-week course at Cement Masons Local 633 in the Twin Cities. She is one of 13 beneficiaries of a state grant that funds instruction for what was originally a group of 20 students from five tribes represented in Minnesota, which include the Ho-Chunk.

Cement masonry is a trade that involves crafting cement road infrastructure like sidewalks, curbs and road embankments.

While cement masonry may initially seem like a simple, cut-and-dry task, it is actually a trade that requires a high level of dexterity and precision in order to create a product that is structurally sound, geometrically exact, visually pleasing and designed properly for rain runoff.

These skills take a long time to acquire. After her 12-week pre-apprenticeship is completed, Funmaker faces another four years as an apprentice, followed by roughly six years as a journeymen before she can be considered a fully qualified cement mason.

“You can’t just watch someone, you have to get your hands in there to know how it feels,” Funmaker said, in the middle of a tedious training exercise. “Do one thing wrong and the mud dries and the rocks stick out.”

Moke Eaglefeathers, an instructor at Local 633 and one of the founders of the program, said he sees a bright future for future cement masons, especially those of Native American background. Programs like these offer an avenue for students to work in a profitable trade for themselves and one that is vital for their own communities.

“There’s a big need of all these new casinos, all this new housing, but no one to build them so (tribes) outsource it,” Eaglefeather said. “Why don’t they build from within?”



Instructor Moke Eaglefeathers looks on as pre-apprentice Jasmine Funmaker cuts concrete. Cement masonry is a trade that involves meticulous precision and a deft touch.

Eaglefeathers lauded the cement masonry trade as one that doesn’t accrue debt like a traditional four-year degree to learn (in fact, he estimated apprentices may make over \$300,000), provides on the job experience and is always in demand. He said it is also a great source of pride and independence for young Native Americans.

He said he hopes his students can look to him as an example.

“If I can do it, they can do it,” Eaglefeathers said. “It gives them something to strive for. It’s about pride. It gives them worth.”

The grant is currently limited to Minnesota residents, but Eaglefeather hopes to grow the training program to where

it can attract Native American candidates from across the country to study at Local 633, the number one ranked instructional institute in the nation, or even creating specific programs for individual tribes like the Ho-chunk.

Funmaker heard of the program from a friend. Lacking direction after two years studying to be a nurse, a time where she said she “ran with the wrong crowd,” performed poorly in school and faced academic suspension, she looked into cement masonry and decided to take a chance.

“It was originally my plan B that came around at the right time,” she said.

Now, with the better part of the program done and in the books, Eaglefeathers said

Funmaker is excelling in her training for a profession that is male dominated, evidenced by her place as one of two women in the program.

Eaglefeathers said diversity is one of his main focuses as an instructor, both in terms of minorities and gender. He said shaping trainees into full-fledged cement masons and watching their growth is the most rewarding aspect of his job.

“The hardest part is discipline in themselves,” Eaglefeathers said. “The best part is when they prove to themselves they can do it. Once they hit that concrete and see the finished look the first time it comes out perfect, the look on their faces is priceless.”



William Collins, division of labor, Ho-Chunk student Jasmine Funmaker and instructor Moke Eaglefeathers stand outside Local 633.

Summer Internships 12 weeks of work, a lifetime of skills

Gabriel Lagarde
Staff Writer

Newly arrived interns got a crash course in the tribe’s history and a touch of wisdom from JoAnn Jones on June 13 at the Black River Falls Chamber of Commerce.

Jones, a former president and associate justice of the tribal court, sat down with six Ho-Chunk college students from across the state to discuss expectations and the values of the nation. It’s one of many learning experiences students will have in the coming weeks.

The college students are embarking on a 10-week internship this summer, all working in capacities within the Ho-Chunk Nation’s divisions and enterprises based on their educational back-

grounds.

The program is described as a pre-professional training program that prepares Ho-Chunk students for long-term success in their respective fields while providing opportunities for the nation to evaluate potential employees.

Marcus Lewis, division manager of higher education, said the program, in its fifth year, represents an effort to attract outside talent and continually innovate Ho-Chunk government and business practices.

“It’s to encourage some of those people who are receiving those scholarships just to come back and share their knowledge or expertise with the nation and hopefully get them a job here,” he said. “Also, for us institutionally,

to get some new information, either new techniques or updated information, with particular regard to business management and operations.”

Lewis said the program is based on concepts of knowledge-sharing and personal enrichment at the individual level, for everyone involved.

“The goal is for everyone to have a positive experience, top to bottom,” Lewis said. “(The intern is) not just a hired hand. It’s a real, pretty professional working experience for them.”

The interns include Kyle WhiteEagle, a business student at UW-Whitewater; Cheyenne Reel, a marketing student from Western Technical College in La Crosse; Moses Alvarez, a criminal justice student at UW-Milwaukee;

Ashley Rave, an art education student at UW-Milwaukee; Krista Greengrass, an environmental science student at UW-La Crosse; and Shelley Thundercloud, a recreation management student at Madison Area Technical College.

Cheyenne Reel, who plans to work for the nation in the future, said she hopes she can promote a more accurate vision of the Ho-Chunk people to outsiders with the skills she’s gained as a marketing major at Western Technical College.

“A big thing is non-natives have a distorted perception of Ho-Chunks, they think (we) get everything for free,” she said. “I think it would be fun to work on that image and explain it, educate people.”

Moses Alvarez, who will

be working in the House of Wellness this summer, hopes to rewrite policies so they are more practical and sustainable for the nation.

“We’re always editing or amending amendments at general council every year,” he said. “I think I can help with that.”

For Ashley Rave, the internship represents a fork in the road, a decision point.

“I’m hoping the internship helps me decide if I want to continue on my education and get a higher degree,” she said, “whether or not I want to work now or if I want to change my major. It will provide more experience for being an art teacher or working in the education field.”

Three Ho-Chunk members begin electrician apprentice intern training

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Three Ho-Chunk members have begun a journey to a new education, and new career, thanks to a program organized through the Ho-Chunk Nation Labor Department.

Michael McArthur, Dawson McAndrew and Salvador Casarez started their training June 13 at Kish and Sons Electric in La Crosse. They will be shadowing a journeyman for eight weeks to learn the trade of being an electrician.

The new program began when the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local Union #14 contacted the Ho-Chunk Nation Labor Department about the possible agreement.

“We are testing the waters. We will see how it works,” said Tribal Workforce Development Manager Angela Ward of the HCN Labor Department. “Eighteen people applied and four more were interested. We hope to make this an annual opportunity.”

She’s hoping for this new program to pave the way for many more such programs and the ability for Ho-Chunk members to get an education, a career, and fulltime employment.

“The goal behind this internship is to provide an opportunity for a career in this field. We hope that all three of them will apply for the electrician apprenticeship, this internship will give them experience for the interview process. One of the main goals for Tribal Workforce Development is that we assist our Tribal members in obtaining employment through training opportunities, if not a career that comes with advancement opportunities,” Ward said.

Michael McArthur saw the opportunity as a way to advance in a field that will provide employment for the rest of his life.

“A couple of weeks ago I got an email about the program,” McArthur said. “I turned in an application on Monday and got an interview on Wednesday. I later got a call that I was accepted for the program.”

McArthur, 27, was working for HHCDA and promptly told his supervisor that he would be leaving for another career. He is a 2007 graduate of Black River Falls High School.

“I had been a maintenance worker in Sandpilot,” he said. “I had a lot of hands-on experience. I enjoyed it, including electrical work. When this job came up, I said, ‘I can do that.’”

“This is a good opportunity, not only for myself, but also for all Ho-Chunk members. This can advance my future with a career. I can learn a great trade that I can use the rest of my life,” he said.

The training is eight weeks, which will then transform into four to five years apprenticeship.

“I’m very excited,” he said. “I will be involved in new home construction and commercial building construction, as well as troubleshooting and installing fixtures.”

The program offers Ho-Chunk a way to change their lives, he said.

“It gets tribal members out working and develops good work ethics,” he said. “This can develop a good career in life.”

Dawson McAndrew also is pleased to be gaining the knowledge and the prospect of a new career.

“This is a perfect opportunity to get a good job and get some experience,” McAndrew said. He is a 2007 graduate of Black River Falls High School who was recently working as a blackjack dealer at Ho-Chunk Gaming – Black River Falls.

“Not only will I deal with construction, but also joining



Taking a role in the electrician apprentice intern program are (from left) Kish and Sons Project Manager Jeff Milutinovich, Salvador Casarez, Kish and Sons Manager Maureen Dray, Dawson McAndrew, Michael McArthur and IBEW Assistant Business Manager Jerry Eddy.

a union and having a career. It’s challenging but I’ll have the chance to work with things I’ve never done before. I’ll have a lot of hands-on training.”

He looks forward to working as a journeyman in about four years. Until then, he’ll get information and training from someone who has experience in the trade.

“This is amazing. I am really grateful for the opportunity because it could lead to a career.”

McAndrew now lives in Tomah, but he grew up in Black River Falls.

He plans to join the union in La Crosse and be able to get jobs in the area so that relocation won’t be necessary.

Salvador Casarez, 36, has always wanted to develop a career as an electrician but, until now, never had the opportunity and never pursued any education in the field.

He had planned to enroll at Western Technical College this fall, but dropped the idea when this opportunity came up.

“I’m very excited,” he said. “I’m looking forward to making a career out of it.”

He plans to stick with a company, such as Kish and Sons, to train and become part of the union.

“It’s never too late to get an education,” he said. “I’m willing to learn something.”

Apprentice Language Game Day

Submitted by
Josie Winneshiek, Museum Director Interim Language Division Manager

On June 8th, the Hoocąk Language Division Language Apprentices gathered with some of their Eminent Speakers at Winnebago Park in Tomah to play games tailored for testing their language skills. The event, organized by the Language Apprentice supervisory staff, included waḡiḡinaḡjak, kook wamanuke, and waḡa ho’ere honj.

Apprentices were encouraged to complete each activity while using only the Hoocąk language. The activities were designed to test their knowledge of the language and their ability to comprehend the language. The event was meant to bring everyone together and inspire each other to push one another to learn more.

Learning the Hoocąk language can be difficult, so finding new ways to encourage learning is always exciting. The staff is looking forward to creating similar events in the future to motivate further language growth.





Luz Carriaga

Graduated from:
Riverside Indian School
Parent: Vanessa Carriaga
Future endeavors: will be attending
Fort Lewis College in August.
Major undeclared.



Brecie M. Corbesia

Graduated with Academic Honors
2016 Lakeland Union High School
Minocqua, WI
Future: Attending
University of Minnesota - Twin Cities



Michelle Renee Cloud

The children of Michelle Renee Cloud would like to congratulate her on her recent accomplishments. Michelle graduated cum laude from Upper Iowa University with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. She finished her degree online while working full-time. Michelle also earned her Associate's Degree from Western Technical College in Supervisory Management. Congratulation!



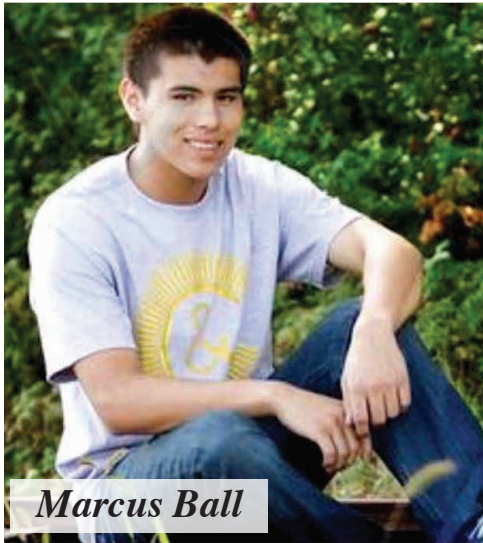
Rita Blackdeer

Graduated from Black River Falls High School
Parents: Debra Crowe and the late Forrest Blackdeer
Future Endeavors: CVTC for State Trooper and EMT



Clarissa Clark

Graduated from
Cortland Christian Academy, Cortland, NY
Plans to attend
Pensacola Christian College
in Pensacola, FL
Majoring in Pre-Med with a Minor in Bible



Marcus Ball

Graduated from
Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School
Future Endeavors: He is enrolled at
UWSP in the fall with a major in
Athletic Training.
Parents are
Eric and Sheyenne Lemieux



Justine Pekarek & Katelyn D. Wilber

Congratulations to Justine Pekarek and Katelyn D. Wilber for graduating from high school in Green Bay. The two graduates posed for a photo with members of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature and the Ho-Chunk Nation President. Both graduates plan to continue their education. Pekarek in Massage Therapy and Wilber in Animal Science.

2016 End of the Year Awards

Submitted by C-Ann Cleveland, Title VII Program - Teacher

The Tomah Timberwolves End of the year Awards Night was held Friday evening, June 3, 2016 at Winnebago Park. This event was sponsored by the Tomah IEC and the Tomah Area School District. Thank you to our IEC officers – Stephanie Begay, Savannah Shegonee and Bonnie Bird for making all the necessary arrangements for this event! Thank you to all the parents for the delicious potluck meal that was provided. Thank you community members, parents and students for our constant support in everything the IEC did this year. It was a great year! Congratulations to all 102 of our students for staying in school, learning at your grade level and working as hard as you did all year; your accomplishments shine!!

The A, B, and C honor rolls are determined by each student’s GPA on a quarterly basis. There is a standard grading scale that all teachers use in the Tomah School District. This year, we have 88 students that have successfully been awarded this honor roll certificate. That is 86% of our student population!

HIGH (A) HONOR ROLL 3.5 - 4.0+

Christina Blaschke	Michael Diaz	Haakon Garvin	Caleb Rochester
Cherish Decorah	Homer Eades	Jacob Roberts	Azrielle Swallow

B HONOR ROLL 3.0-3.49

Adrianna Allen	Crystal Breeden	Thaine Littlejohn	Payton Rosin
James Bird	Hope Burnstad	Ethan Miles	Kaidan Stewart
Jason Bird	Liliana Casarez	Michael Miles Jr.	Felicia Wanna
Jerrick Bird	Meko Deloney	Lotty Orozco	Precious Weigel
Justice Blackhawk	Mya Estebo	Wiha Pemberton	Gohan White Bull
Savanah Blackhawk	Kai Garvin	Tamera Rochester	Molly White Bull
Cora Blashaski	Naomi Littlegeorge	Connor Rosin	

C HONOR ROLL 1.9-2.99

Laeloni Ayala	Charles Davis III	Ariyanna Mahkimetas	Zerrick Roberts
Shandii Begay	Japeth Decorah	Brianna Mann	Alaughn St. Germaine
Trenton Bird	Ian Evans-Cloud	Siga Mann	Van Schwartz
Victor Bird	Gregory Funmaker	Arnell Miles	Aisha Stewart
Anakin Blackdeer	Zamantha Funmaker	Kierra Miles	Emma Stewart
Brett Blackdeer	Braden Goodbear	Robert Miles	Marlee Stewart
Jaeleigh Blackdeer	Tanner Goodbear	Victoria Miles	Mariah Smith
Layla Blackdeer	Vivian Libke	Yvette Miles	Sophina Stout
Vanicia Blackhawk-Schwartz	Bodee Littlegeorge	Mayela Nambo	Mark Tainter
Jacob Blashaski	Naomi Littlegeorge	Thalia Nambo	Alexandria Thompson
Joshua Blashaski	Steven Lincoln	Dante Pemberton	Izabella Walker
Stevie Campbell	Virginia Lincoln	Azalea Roberts	Eric Wanna Jr.
Alexis Casarez	Minnie Lonetree	Royce Roberts	Thunderstorm Whitewing
Mya Darge			



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Six of our seven seniors walked across the stage on May 28, 2016. I would like to say congratulations on a job well done. Thirteen years is a long time to be going to school but it is very rewarding in the end. Now, starts the “real world” living. Whatever their future endeavors, we wish you the best of luck in achieving your goals in life! Congratulations!

- Victor Bird
- Ryan Decorah
- Zamantha Funmaker
- Lael Hall
- Thaine Littlejohn
- Molly White Bull

There were many students who enjoyed completing in school and city sports and extracurricular activities throughout the year. These students were practicing in the cold, in the heat, in the rain, but always seemed to enjoy themselves. Now that summer is upon us, some of our students are enrolled in summer camps and classes to keep up their skills:

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| Keith Bedeau Jr. | - Youth Baseball |
| Jude Begay | - 7th Grade Football & Soccer |
| Shandii Begay | - HS Cross Country & Youth LaCrosse |
| Jason Bird | - Youth Football & Baseball |
| James Bird | - HS Powerlifting |
| Jerrick Bird | - HS Powerlifting |
| Trenton Bird | - MS Wrestling, Boys & Girls Club Boxing |
| Jaeleigh Blackdeer | - Gymnastics |
| Layla Blackdeer | - Youth Basketball |
| Justice Blackhawk | - HS Football, Wrestling & Powder Puff Coach |
| Savanah Blackhawk | - 7th Grade Volleyball, Basketball & Track & Field |
| Cora Blashaski | - Gymnastics, MS Track & Field |
| Jacob Blashaski | - JV Wrestling |
| Alexis Casarez | - 8th Grade Volleyball |
| Mya Darge | - Youth Basketball |
| Cherish Decorah | - Youth Soccer & Softball |
| Japeth Decorah | - Youth Football & Baseball, HoChunk Drumming |
| Noah Decorah Jr. | - Youth Basketball & Baseball |
| Jadali Emery | - Youth Soccer |
| Macy Emery | - Youth Volleyball |
| Zaden Emery | - Youth Soccer |
| Gregory Funmaker-Whitegull | - Freshman Football |
| Raymond Goodbear | - HS Golf & Trapshooting |
| Lael Hall | - American Legion Baseball |
| Vivian Libke | - Dance |
| Bodee Littlegeorge | - 7th Grade Football, Wrestling & Baseball |
| Naomi Littlegeorge | - U10 Youth Softball |
| Thaine Littlejohn | - Varsity Wrestling |
| Aspen Lonetree | - Varsity Basketball |
| Minnie Lonetree | - Hockey |
| Jayden McBride | - 7th Grade Football |
| Kierra Miles | - 7th Grade Softball |
| Robert Miles | - HoChunk Youth Basketball & MS Track |
| Victoria Miles | - Youth Football |
| Michael Miles Jr. | - Youth Football |
| Thalia Nambo | - 7th Grade Volleyball |
| Dante Pemberton | - 7th Grade Football, Jui Jitsu & Boxing |
| Gerald Pemberton | - Varsity Football & Baseball, American Legion Baseball |
| Krimzen Perea | - JV Basketball |
| Logan Perry-Nicols | - Football Cheerleader |
| Peyton Rapp | - Gymnastics |
| Azalea Roberts | - Gymnastics-Varsity Vault & JV Floor |
| Jacob Roberts | - MS Football, Wrestling & Baseball |
| Royce Roberts | - 8th Grade Football & Youth Volleyball |
| Caleb Rochester | - Youth Football & Basketball |
| Tami Rochester | - Youth Basketball & Volleyball |
| Connor Rosin | - Youth Football |
| Payton Rosin | - Youth Football |
| Alaughn St. Germaine | - HS Football & Wrestling |
| Van Schwartz | - Youth Football |
| Makenzie Sweeney | - Youth Volleyball & Tomah Saddle Club |
| Mark Tainter | - Freshman Football |
| Izabella Walker | - U10 Youth Softball |

Some of our students are so musically talented and I enjoyed going to many of the concerts and musicals this year. I am amazed at the talent they have. Some have won medals in regional and state competitions. Others have had the opportunity to march in parades in the Coulee Region:

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| Layla Blackdeer | - 6th Grade Choir |
| Justice Blackhawk | - HS Choir |
| Cora Blashaski | - 7th Grade Choir |
| Stevie Campbell | - Women’s Choir |
| Alexis Casarez | - HS Choir |
| Noah Decorah Jr. | - 6th Grade Choir |
| Bodee Littlegeorge | - 7th Grade Band |
| Minnie Lonetree | - MS Band |
| Jayden McBride | - 7th Choir |
| Arnell Miles | - 6th Grade Choir |
| Mayela Nambo | - 6th Grade Choir & Show Choir |
| Azalea Roberts | - Show Choir |
| Jacob Roberts | - 7th Grade Band, Show Choir & Choir |
| Royce Roberts | - 8th Grade Band & Choir |
| Summer Steen | - HS Concert Choir |
| Gohan White Bull | - Marching Band, Concert Band, Wind Ensemble |

These eight fifth grade students worked hard in keeping our students save when crossing the streets and coming and leaving from school. In April, they went on their annual Washington D.C. trip and in May, they went to Wisconsin Dells. So, pinagigi to these students for patrolling our roads and watching out for the safety of our children:

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| Jason Bird | - Sergeant, LaGrange Safety Patrol |
| Brett Blackdeer | - LaGrange Safety Patrol |
| Vanicia Blackhawk-Schwartz | - Wyeville Safety Patrol |
| Liliana Casarez | - Wyeville Safety Patrol |
| Braden Goodbear | - Wyeville Safety Patrol |
| Siga Mann | - Wyeville Safety Patrol |
| Payton Rosin | - Wyeville Safety Patrol |
| Felicia Wanna | - LaGrange Safety Patrol |

The Lamp of Learning medals are for students who were in activities other than sports and music.

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| Victor Bird | - Youth Council President |
| James Bird | - Youth Council Treasurer |
| Anakin Blackdeer | - MS Science Olympiad |
| Savanah Blackhawk | - MS Best Buddies |
| Cherish Decorah | - National American Miss Pageant State Finalist |
| Jonnie Houghton | - Youth Council Secretary |
| Aspen Lonetree | - Media Production |
| Azalea Roberts | - “Grease” Play Production |
| Mariah Smith | - Youth Council Secretary |
| Azrielle Swallow | - MS Spelling Bee Contestant |

Near Perfect Attendance is based on missing only four days or less of school this year. Nineteen students have reached this goal:

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| Brett Blackdeer | Arnell Miles |
| Savanah Blackhawk | Kierra Miles |
| Vanicia Blackhawk-Schwartz | Victoria Miles |
| Christina Blaschke | Wiha Pemberton |
| Crystal Breeden | Royce Roberts |
| Mya Darge | Santana Rodriguez |
| Haakon Garvin | Van Schwartz |
| Braden Goodbear | Aisha Stewart |
| Tanner Goodbear | Emma Stewart |
| Brianna Mann | |

There was only one student who had Perfect Attendance this year. Congratulations to Caleb Rochester for a job well done!

Supreme Court Justice looks at success of court transfer process

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Mike Gableman made an appearance to the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Court on June 9.

The Chief Justice appointed him to be the liaison between the Wisconsin State Court system and the tribal courts. Also present was Chief Judge Eugene White-Fish of the Forest County Potawatomi.

"I'm visiting all the tribes in the state," Gableman said. "My first purpose is to become familiar with the people who run the administration – the staff and participants – in

the court system so I can gain familiarity with the process each of the tribal courts use."

He would then report back to his colleagues, based on surprised and warm welcomes, he said.

"It's been a long time, if ever, that a Supreme Court justice has met with each tribal court," Gableman said. "It's special timing. On June 24, our court has a scheduled vote for voluntary transfer of jurisdiction renewed. It permits transferring jurisdiction in court cases from county circuit courts to tribal courts.

When he visited the Ho-Chunk Tribal Court, he had

been to over half of the tribal courts in the state.

"By the end of next week, I plan to have visited all but one," he said.

Conversations are being conducted about how the transfer of jurisdiction has been working. He plans to collect the data of the procedures thus far.

"I will find out how many times it has been done and in what types of cases it has been requested," he said. "I'm finding that very few cases have been transferred. It seems to be working well."

Conversations are ongoing and imperfections will be



Ho-Chunk Court judges Mary Jo Hunter, Jo Deen Lowe and JoAnn Jones enjoyed the company of Wisconsin State Supreme Court Justice Mike Gableman.



The Ho-Chunk Court staff gathered for a photo with Wisconsin State Supreme Court Justice Mike Gableman (seated on left).

worked out, he said.

There is a system in which the transfer can be reversed, called the Teague Protocol. It happens when a judges of the tribal and circuit court meet and discuss the best of factors to consider if the case should be in either court.

Gableman sees that changing courts happens most frequently in higher population areas, such as with the Oneida in the Green Bay area and with Potawatomi in Forrest County. In those two areas, transfers are made on a regular basis.

The cases transferred are usually involving children,

such as child custody cases.

"When it involves tribal members and child custody, they are more comfortable in tribal courts," he said.

Another time when tribal courts are preferable is when the case involve drug court, when cultural influences may play a role.

"Paramount is the best interests of the children," Gableman said. "It's a better location for the best needs of the children."

There's a strong dedication to do the right thing, he said.

"What unites us in challenges far outweigh the differences," Gableman said.

Finance director brings worldwide perspective to Ho-Chunk Nation

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Ikrom S. Mamatmuminov is relatively new to the Ho-Chunk Nation, having crossed the ocean for this opportunity in America.

Ikrom, better known as "Ike," is the director of finance in the Ho-Chunk Department of Business. He began in April 2016.

Ike was born in central Asia, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan, to be exact. He studied and worked there until he was 25, then began his journey across the world for his education.

During his childhood years in Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan, the countries were part of the former Soviet Union.

"We lived surprisingly well," Ike said. "We had 100 percent free education with a 100 percent graduation rate. We had free healthcare and everyone was employed."

They were rich in natural

resources, producing oil and grain and cotton. During harvest time, usually around September and October, everyone stopped what they were doing, workers and school children, to help with the harvest. They got paid for their work and no one was lacking in any need.

The only downside to the socialism is that Moscow would make all the government decisions instead of locally.

But when they got their independence in 1990, with the collapse of the Soviet Union, they had to move to a market economy, which was a shock to the people.

"It was a rocky transition," he said. "We went through many different currencies in the first few years. Inflation hit a record high. During the first 10 years, our currency changed two to three times because of inflation. It took a suitcase of money to buy a car."

They stopped using the 5 SOM currency because the minimum for anything was 10 SOM.

But now that he is with the Ho-Chunk Nation, he is exploring his prospects.

"I'm enjoying my time here," he said. "I'm looking forward to working with the future of the Ho-Chunk Nation. I'm excited about the opportunities of the Nation, both gaming and non-gaming."

He learned English when he was in eighth grade. They were required to learn another language and they could either choose English or French and most of the children chose English, he said.

Since moving to the United States, he has enjoyed the diversity and uniqueness of each of the locations he has lived.

He previously worked with Ute Mountain Ute Tribe in Colorado where he was the Chief Financial Officer.



Ikrom Mamatmuminov is now the director of finance in the Ho-Chunk Nation Business Department.

Prior to that, he worked with the Columbia Sussex Corporation, Tropicana Entertainment Company from August 2001 to August 2005 as the regional director of finance.

He has a law degree from Eastern Europe University, a Masters of Business Administration in finance from India and a Masters of Public Administration from Delta State University in Cleveland, Mississippi.

He has four sisters and three brothers, along with his father, who is 86.

One of his passions, besides numbers, is the need to seek adventure, which is obvious when considering he came from halfway around the world to work here.

"I like traveling and skiing," he said.

All of his brothers are also accountants, with one brother even owning his own accounting firm. Many of his extended family are involved with number crunching as well, with the lone exception of his father.

"He was a physics teacher," he said.

Ho-Chunk Nation donates \$20,000 to Little Eagle Arts Foundation

Submitted by Lynette LeGarde, HCN Legislative Chief Communications Officer

The Ho-Chunk Nation donated \$20,000.00 to the Little Eagle Arts Foundation (LEAF). Ho-Chunk Nation District 5 Representative Robert TwoBears met with representatives from LEAF at the Native Presence Gallery in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin on June 11, 2016.

Christopher Sweet a Ho-

Chunk tribal member had an art gallery opening for his work on the night of the check presentation. There were 200 people in attendance at the gallery opening. The artist sold 12 of his pieces at the opening. If you are interested in displaying your work at the gallery or if you are interested in finding out more information about LEAF you can contact the gallery at 608-253-4142 or email inquiries to littleeaglearts@gmail.com.



Maria Brown (LEAF Advisory Council member), Connie Lonetree (LEAF Photo Archivist), Christopher Sweet (LEAF Roster Artist and featured artist at LEAF's Native Presence Gallery), Robert Two Bears (Ho-Chunk Legislator, Area V), Melanie Tallmadge Sainz (LEAF Director), Robert Nurre (LEAF Advisory Council member), and Chris Weber (LEAF Program Assistant).

Ho-Chunk Nation donates to Lacrosse Tournament

Submitted by Lynette LeGarde, HCN Legislative Chief Communications Officer

The Ho-Chunk Nation sponsored the Maanico Horuzra Caabnaikiisik Youth Lacrosse Tournament on Saturday, May 21, 2016. There were 120 youth that participated in the tournament. Ho-Chunk tribal members, youth and D5 Representative Kathy Lone Tree-Whiterabbit presented a \$3105.00 check at the event at Harding High School in St. Paul, Minnesota.



1st Row: Jamie Gromoff, Rep. Matt Mullen, Abraham Gauthier, Curtis West, Danielle Delong, Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit, 2nd Row – Rep. Kathy Lonetree-Whiterabbit, Robert Pilot, Rep. Robert TwoBears

Ho-Chunk Nation donates to Wanaiguni Hikurus Hajawi 5K Run/Walk



Submitted by Lynette LeGarde, HCN Legislative Chief Communications Officer

The Ho-Chunk Nation made a \$5000.00 donation to the Wanaiguni Hikurus Hajawi 5K Run/Walk. The Wanaiguni Hikurus Hajawi (Reclaiming Our Health) 5K was held at Lake Phalen in St. Paul, Minnesota on May 25, 2016. There were 270 walkers and runners that participated in the event. The Ho-Chunk Nation District 5 Legislators met with the organizer and participants at the St. Paul District Meeting on June 16, 2016 in St. Paul, Minnesota for a check presentation.



Ho-Chunk Nation donates to MIEC

Submitted by Lynette LeGarde, HCN Legislative Chief Communications Officer

The Ho-Chunk Nation made a \$1000 donation to the Milwaukee Indian Education Committee. The donation will be used for the Teaching Lodge which is a new lodge being constructed at the Milwaukee Indian Community School

in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The Community Relations Committee approved the donation at a CRC Meeting. Ho-Chunk Nation District 4 Representative Shelby Visintin made the check presentation to members of the board on May 13, 2016 at the Milwaukee Branch Office in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
SPECIAL MEETING
EXECUTIVE OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS,
WI
MAY 25, 2016
12:30 p.m.**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Wilfrid Cleveland at 12: 45 p.m.
Roll Call: President Wilfrid –P
Vice President Darren Brinegar-P
Rep. Greg Blackdeer-EX
Rep. Douglas Greengrass-P
Rep. Lori Pettibone-P
Rep. Andrea Estebo-P
Rep. David Greendeer- (12:49 p.m.)
Rep. Henning Garvin-EX
Rep. Kathy DeCamp-P
Rep. Shelby Visintin-CC
Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit-P
Rep. Matt Mullen- (1:05 p.m.)
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-P
Rep. Robert TwoBears-P
*Via Conference call
Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established.
Opening Prayer: President Wilfrid Cleveland offered a word of prayer.
Approval of Agenda: **MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen LoneTree-Whiterabbit to approve the agenda with striking D. Twin Cities Branch Office Language Teacher from the agenda, as it was addressed in the Budget Bill. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 10-0-0. **MOTION CARRIED.**
Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: **MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve the May 18, 2016 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
ORDER OF THE DAY:

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Housing to Withdraw Funds from the Veterans Home Ownership Restricted Account for Fiscal Year 2016-17
MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adopt **Resolution 05-25-16 A**, Authorization for the Department of Housing to Withdraw Funds from the Veterans Home Ownership Restricted Account for Fiscal Year 2016-17. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar.10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Housing to Withdraw Fund from the Elder Home Ownership Restricted Account for Fiscal Year 2016-17
MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 05-25-16 B**, Authorization for the Department of Housing to Withdraw Funds from the Elder Home Ownership Restricted Account for Fiscal Year 2016-17. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Resolution-Adoption of Executive Branch Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2016-17.
MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 05-25-16 C**, Adoption of Executive Branch Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2016-17, with the stipulation of Language Program adding \$100,000.00 to contract services and under Chapter 11 Department of Housing 0500 Account adding \$62,166.00, and additional corrections. Second by Rep. David Greendeer 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Rep. Matt Mullen arrives.

Resolution-Adoption of General Council Branch Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2016-17.
MOTION by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 05-25-16 D**, Adoption of General Council Branch Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2016-17 with corrections. Second by Rep. David Greendeer 7-3(Vice President Darren Brinegar, Rep. Lori Pettibone, Rep. Shelby Visintin)-1 (Rep. Matt Mullen) **MOTION CARRIED.**
Resolution-Adoption of Legislative Branch, General Fund, Health Insurance, and Internal Audit and Tribal Health Insurance Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2016-17.
MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 05-25-16 E**, Adoption of Legislative Branch, General Fund, Health Insurance, and Internal Audit Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2016-17, with corrections. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 9-1(Rep. Robert TwoBears)-1(Vice President Darren Brinegar) **MOTION CARRIED**
Resolution-Adoption of Judicial Branch Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2016-17.
MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adopt **Resolution 05-25-16 F**, Adoption of Judicial Branch Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2016-17, with

corrections. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**
Resolution-Adoption of Enterprises (Gaming & Non-Gaming) Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2016-17.
MOTION by Rep. Robert Two Bears to adopt **Resolution 05-25-16 G**, Adoption of Enterprises (Gaming & Non-Gaming) Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2016-17, with corrections. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**
Resolution-Adoption of Gaming Commission, Ethics Review Board, and Election Board Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2016-17.
MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 05-25-16 H**, Adoption of Gaming Commission, Ethics Review Board, and Election Board Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2016-17 with corrections. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 9-0-2 (Vice President Darren Brinegar, Rep. Andrea Estebo) **MOTION CARRIED.**
Conference Approval-23rd Annual Stabilizing Indigenous Languages Symposium-Billings, MT.
MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to approve any legislators to attend the 23rd Annual Stabilizing Indigenous Languages Symposium in Billings,

Montana on June 6-7, 2016 on an expedited basis. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 10-0-1(Rep. Robert TwoBears) **MOTION CARRIED. HAND VOTE IS REQUIRED.**
Executive Session: **MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to move into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 9-0-2 (Rep. David Greendeer, Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**
2:11 p.m.
MOTION by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to move into Open Session. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo **MOTION CARRIED.**
MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Adjournment: **MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adjourn the meeting. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by, Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Tribal Secretary

SUMMONS
(Second Publication)
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Sarah A Siebert, Petitioner, v. Gary Funmaker, Respondent.
Case : CS 16-50

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:
Gary Funmaker

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order. *Id.*, § 2.6c.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court’s mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

JUNE 28th - JULY 1st, 2016

Ho-Chunk Nation

Basketball

Camp

In conjunction with:

Premier Level Sports


UW-Stevens Point, Neale Hall
433 Isadore St. Stevens Point, WI

REGISTRATION DATES: 4/8/16 - 6/15/16

BOYS & GIRLS AGES 10-17

PAYMENT STRUCTURE

Ho-Chunk Member	\$0
Descendent of a Ho-Chunk	\$25
Other Native American	\$50
Non-Native	\$75



Check-in Neale Hall: Tuesday June 28, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Check-out Neale Hall: Friday, July 1st, 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Contact Information: Tena Quackenbush, 715-284-2622 Ext. 5114 Family Services Program Community Supportive Services Division of the Ho-Chunk Nation Social Services.

Tena.quackenbush@ho-chunk.com

Lou Gramm rocks the house with solid platinum hits

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Lou Gramm, formerly of the rock group Foreigner, had the bingo hall jumping on June 10 with hits like “Juke Box Hero,” “Midnight Blue,” “Urgent,” “Waiting for a Girl Like You,” “Hot Blooded,” “Hot Blooded,” “Head Games,” and “Cold as Ice.” Before he and his band took the stage, the Mark Andrew

Band from the Twin Cities entertained the crowd with its jazz style of rock. During Lou Gramm’s performance, the audience hardly had time to sit in the chairs, instead electing to dance and rock with the songs. After the show was finished, a standing ovation brought Lou and the band back for two more tunes.



NOTICE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR HO-CHUNK NATION MEMBERSHIP

The following individual applicants have met the requirements of the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Enrollment and Membership Code, Enacted by Legislature on October 16, 2007 in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation. The Enrollment Officer will certify a Notice of Eligibility for Membership and will publish such Notice in the Nation’s newsletter and on the Nation’s website. Upon publication a sixty (60) Day notice period begins. The Notice of Eligibility for Membership must include the Applicant’s name, date of birth, Base Roll ancestry, Ho-Chunk Blood and parent. In cases of adoptions, certain identifying information will be withheld pursuant to Wisconsin and other States’ Laws. This determination may be appealed to the Committee on Tribal Enrollment by any adult Member of the Ho-Chunk Nation within sixty (60) Days after the date on which the Office of Tribal Enrollment publishes Notice of Eligibility for Membership.

EOPUB06242016

APPLICANT NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	BLOOD QUANTUM	ANCESTOR	FATHER	MOTHER
Steele, Myah Marlane	4/26/2015	1/4	George Greengrass Mau Kahj Cop Ray He Hah 1881-00277	Non-Native	Amber S Kruse
Decorah-Crosby, Javon Storm	11/14/2006	1/4	Jones J. Decorra, Ma Cha Na Kah 1901-00430	Non-Native	Angeline L. Decorah
Lewis, Jordan Patrick	9/13/2003	1/4	Frank Lewis, Wau Shin Ga Sa Gah 1881-00018	Kenneth W. Lewis	Non-Native
Funmaker, Mika Rose	1/25/2011	1/4	George Funmaker Sr., Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah 1881-00328	Non Member	Non Member
Hawk, Mckenzee Riley	3/24/2015	1/4	Alex Lonetree, Na E Nee Kee Kah 1881-000016	Non Member	Beale, Samantha Dyan
McAndrew Jr., Dawson Kristopher	6/27/2014	225/512	George Miner, Ha Na Kah 1901-00237	Dawson K McAndrew	Jade Ari Campbell
Riley III, John Anthony	10/3/2003	1/2	George Funmaker Sr., Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah 1881-00328	Non Member	Mona Marie Cole
Sallaway, Jaylen Alan	6/6/2015	31/654	George Funmaker Sr., Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah 1881-00328	Jayce G. Sallaway	Tama Leigh Sallaway
Wormley, Dacion Azon	3/28/2015	47/128	Henry Badsoldier Mon Naw Pa She Sheck Kaw 1881-00079	Non Member	Mariah L Blackhawk-Link
Youngthunder, Santana Elijah	6/15/2015	1/4	Youngthunder War Con Jar Nick Nic Kaw 1881-00090	Santana A Martinez	Non Member
Conn, Geracyn Samuel	4/17/2014	1/4	Peter Pettibone Wa Monk Schootch Kah 1881-00582	Non Member	Christie Jo Ryan
Decorah-Crosby, Davon Thunder	1/14/2006	1/4	Jones J. Decorra, Ma Cha Na Kah 1901-00430	Non Member	Angeline L. Decorah
Jones, Foster Nash	3/25/2015	1/4	CONFIDENTIAL	Torek Dolbier	Non-Native
Perez, Alejandro Jose Antonio	9/22/1996	1/4	Ben Decorah Ha Na Kah 1901-00258	Non Member	Delores Maria Decorah
Perez, Alexia Kathleen	8/26/1997	1/4	Ben Decorah Ha Na Kah 1901-00258	Non Member	Delores Maria Decorah
Perez, Angelica Maria Elena	8/26/1997	1/4	Ben Decorah Ha Na Kah 1901-00258	Non Member	Delores Maria Decorah
Sader, Summer Rayne	3/16/2012	1/4	Edward Greengrass Che Win Chee Kay Ray He Kah 1881-00273	Cory Tomow-Sader	Non Member
White Eagle, Calvin Finn	9/4/2015	1/4	Whitedog Sunk Ska Kah 1881-00153	Calvn White Eagle	Non Member

Free Rabies Clinic

Pet owners: We are having a rabies vaccination clinic for your pet! It is very important that your animal be vaccinated to protect its health and the health of your family. Puppies and kittens need to be at least 3 months old to receive the vaccination.

Offering Distemper/Parvo Vaccinations Again:

Distemper/Parvo vaccine available for dog's only \$5.00/dog!
Each area will be allotted vaccine on a first come basis.
Open to all Tribal Members.



Date	Location	Time
July 13	Wittenberg Health Office	11:00am-2:00
July 20	BRF Sand Pillow Community Bldg BRF	9:00am-12:00pm
July 20	BRF Indian Mission/Pavilion next to IM Head Start	1:30pm-4:30pm

PLEASE BRING YOUR DOGS ON LEASHES AND CATS IN CRATES!
Questions please contact the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center at 1-800-294-9343 ext. 5011 or 5059. Open to all Tribal Members.

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

The Committee on Tribal Enrollment has the following vacancy:

District 3 & District 5

Length of Term:

4 years from date of Legislative Appointment

Candidate must reside in the District at the time of selection until the term limit ends, unless a redistricting change supersedes a member from the redistricted district.

To qualify you must meet the following:

- Enrolled Tribal Ho-Chunk Member
- Be at least twenty-five (25 years of age)
- Never been convicted of a felony in any tribal, state or federal court and;
- Cannot be determined to be incompetent by a court of law.

All interested Tribal Members should attend the District Area Meeting. Members are selected by eligible voters of each District.

ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY CONTACT THE OFFICE OF TRIBAL ENROLLMENT @ 800-331-7824 OR 715-284-7824.



Team Wisconsin 2nd Tryouts

Wittenberg, WI • July 9th, 2016 • 11am-2pm

Wittenberg High School
400 W Grand Ave
Wittenberg WI 54499

Coaches Meeting 9:30A Cafeteria

Big Gym-Boys Basketball U14, U16, U19

Softball Field U16, U18

Baseball Field U16, U19

Track and Field U14, U16, U19

Football Field- Box Lacrosse U16, U19

Practice Field behind baseball Field -Soccer U16, U18

Middle School 300 S Prouty St

Big Gym – Volleyball U16, U19

Small Gym-Wrestling U19

Birnamwood Mid School 344 Main St. Birnamwood 54414- Girls Basketball U14, U16, U19

Archery and Rifle- Wittenberg Field on Ho-Chunk Lands bring their own equipment including targets U16, U19

Golf- Maple Hills start 11AM N6621 Cardinal Lane bring their own equipment
\$20 per golfer for 18 holes U17, U19
First round at 11am second round tee off at 12:56AM

Any questions please contact Nicole Oknewski at 715-573-5510



Please bring copies of your Birth Certificate and proof of Tribal Affiliation.

July Elders Birthdays



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|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Reuben Hall | 20 Terry Greendeer |
| Decorah Mach | Madeline Walker |
| Ardella Quackenbush | Janis Pesek |
| Edna Topping | 21 Elaine Bear |
| Gregory Littlejohn | William Goff Jr. |
| 2 Jo Anne Small | 22 Doran Goodbear |
| Richard Bittner | Colette Trumpy |
| 3 Barbara Danke | Dennis Tsugawa |
| 4 Loylee Mike | 23 Roberta Chrisjohn |
| John Myers | Ronald K. Decorah |
| Mary Funmaker | 24 Colleen Fanning |
| Patricia Hall | Constance Lonetree |
| Jon Brown | Dale Holst |
| 5 John Funmaker | 25 Ed Winneshiek |
| Helen Miller | Robert Cleveland |
| Terry Steindorf | Catherine Rowson |
| Charlene Tebo | 26 Marguerite Lebeck |
| 6 Mary Dick | Michael Hellrud |
| Carol Sandoval | Susan Jones |
| Sadie Garvin | Rosemary Blackhawk |
| 7 Pat Boyles | Ritchie Brown |
| 8 Prescilla Niemi | 27 Lynn Elliott |
| Diana Demarrias | Paul Thundercloud |
| 10 Lavinia Alan | Caroline Blackdeer |
| Dale Stephens | Unga Diane Stacy |
| Nadine WhiteEagle | Marlys Whiteagle |
| Douglas Mallory | Myra Price |
| Georgia Stewart | Iris Cleveland |
| 11 Henry Pine | 28 Norman Smith |
| 13 Bonnie Stroessner | Janice Lopez-Roska |
| Dana Thundercloud | Pamela Riddle |
| 15 Roley White Eagle | 29 Valerie Bartlett |
| Virginia Littlegeorge | Robert Tipton |
| 16 Wallace Johnson | Loretta Hopinkah |
| Pearl Mrotek | Marguerite Whiteagle |
| Cecelia Sine | Bruce La Mere |
| Randall Taylor | 30 Marilyn La Mere |
| 17 Faith Morris | Ralph Snake |
| 18 Pamela Mael | Wendland White |
| 19 William Winneshiek Jr. | 31 Cheri Snake |
| Jerry Kines | Christina Blackdeer |
| John Ward | |

Explore sites throughout the Ho-Chunk Nation with new eyes



Learn cultural practices for taking care of the land...



...and water. Work alongside professionals from the HCN and UW.



Save the date!

The Ho-Chunk Nation is teaming up with Earth Partnership for a second annual culture and environment summer program.

Goja Howaite Hi
July 11-15, 2016

Let Regina Funmaker (Regina.Funmaker@ho-chunk.com) know if you want to be a part of it!

For more information, check out arboretum.wisc.edu/learn/eps/ias/



Photos from 2015 Goja Howaite Hi

IMPORTANT NOTICE...

2016 Address Verification Forms were mailed on June 1, 2016.

If you have not yet received one, please call the Enrollment Office at 1-800-331-7824 or 715-284-7824.

All AVF's need to be returned by July 13, 2016 in order to eligible for you August 1, 2016 Per Capita Distribution.

Affordable Care Act

If you are without health coverage you may be eligible for insurance through the Affordable Care Act. No longer will pre-existing conditions affect your premium; just age and income will have an impact.

Marketplace Application Checklist

When you apply for coverage in the Health Insurance Marketplace, you'll need to provide some information about you and your household, including income, any insurance you currently have and some additional items.

Use the checklist below to help you gather what you need to apply for coverage.

1. Social Security numbers (or document numbers for legal immigrants)
2. Employer and income information for every member of your household who needs coverage (for example, from pay stubs or W-2 forms-Wage and Tax Statements)
3. Policy numbers for any current health insurance plans covering members of your household
4. Tribal ID

You can generally buy Marketplace health insurance only during the annual Open Enrollment period. Upcoming dates to know:

- November 1, 2016: 2017 Open Enrollment starts
- January 31, 2017: 2017 Open Enrollment ends
- Native Americans that are enrolled in a Federally

Recognized Tribe may enroll at any time, not just during Open Enrollment

How Can I Enroll?

1. Go online to HealthCare.gov
2. Call **800-318-2596**
3. Contact Health Benefits Staff at Ho-Chunk Health Care Center or House of Wellness for an appointment to assist you with your application or with questions.

To qualify for a tax subsidy to assist with your premium you must file federal taxes.

Home Ownership Program



27374 St Hwy 21 E Office Building 5
Tomah, WI 54660

THE FOLLOWING HO-CHUNK NATION TRIBAL MEMBERS NEED TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & PUBLIC WORKS- HOME OWNERSHIP PROGRAM
BY July 19, 2016

1094	1124	1395	1511	3076	2996	0455
3754	3373	0737	2482	1901	3229	5466
1508	2957	3562	1416	5249	2031	0399
1522	0860	2085	0584	1904	0140	0040
1472	2892	1833	2561	2354	1164	
3441	2774	2599	3563	1114	2232	
1698	0735	2309	0286	5415	0885	

CALL VICKI SHISLER, MICHELLE WINNESHIEK OR SHEILA STOUT
(608)374-1225

Celebrate
Mitchell Red Cloud Jr. Day

JULY 4TH!

from the
Hocak Worak
Newsletter Staff



Packer players make charity their priority, make appearance for green and gold fans

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

The Bingo Hall at Ho-Chunk Gaming – Black River Falls was overflowing with green and gold on Monday night, June 20.

Packer players were making a special appearance and fans turned out in droves, all decked out and displaying the theme of their favorite team.

It was part of the 2016 Green Bay Packers Tailgate Tour, which made a stop in Black River Falls, the fourth stop in a five-day tour around the state. The event was a fundraiser for Riverfront, which helps people with developmental disabilities learn new skills.

More than 600 fans attended the event and clambered to ask current and retired players questions and collect autographs.

Representing the Packer organization were current players Jared Abbrederis, Sam Barrington and Jayrone Elliott and former players LeRoy Butler, Robert Brooks and Sean Jones. Also, Packers

President Mark Murphy was present.

But before making their appearance in Black River Falls, the Packer bus made an impulsive stop at Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park and Campground in Warrens. Adults and children enjoyed the surprise visit and children were able to play a little basketball with some of the players.

The event Monday night began with a meal and many tailgate party games throughout the Bingo Hall, then proceeded with an appearance and briefing by Murphy and Packer players. During the discussion with the players on the stage, they produced a multitude of small footballs and threw them into the crowd. At the conclusion, the Packer crew signed autographs on apparel and memorabilia brought by fans.

The main purpose of the event was to provide Riverfront of Black River Falls with the funds necessary to offer important programs.

Last fall, the Packers organization contacted the Black



Packers President Mark Murphy, LeRoy Butler, Robert Brooks, Sean Jones, Jared Abbrederis, Sam Barrington, and Jayrone Elliot stand on stage and answer questions from the audience.

River Falls Chamber of Commerce, who then referred them to Riverfront.

“Who wouldn’t jump at a chance to meet the Packers?” said Mary Kessens, president and CEO of Riverfront. “It’s a goodwill promotion for the Packers, plus it helps raise money for charities.”

All the money raised will go toward renovating the Riverfront building to better facilitate programs that will help the clients.

They hope to create sensory rooms, activity areas and employment training rooms. The objective is to train people in life skills and employment skills.

Riverfront works with 1,400 people across the state and about 100 people in Jackson County, Kessens said. Approximately 30 staff members are employed with the organization.

Riverfront is non-profit organization guided by a



Present and former Packer players, along with the Packers president, lines the front tables to talk with fans and sign a few autographs.

Board of Directors. The basic needs, such as the facility and utilities, are funded by the Wisconsin Department of Vocational Rehabilitation.

“Fundraising is used for innovation, outreach and program development,” Kessens said. “Riverfront tradition-

ally works with adults, but now we are accepting youth in June and we are creating youth development programs. In the building, we’re doing renovations for youth as well as adults. Additional funding covers time and expense in developing these programs.”



Packer games galore are present and played at the 2016 Green Bay Packers Tailgate Tour at Ho-Chunk Gaming – Black River Falls.

Employee Appreciation Day

